

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

SEPTEMBER 2019 Newsletter



Principal's Message - Mrs Joanne Webster

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 28th August
Father's Day Stall

Friday 30th August
7.30am Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 6th September
Yr 3 & 4 IMAX Excursion

Monday 16th September
3pm Prep—Yr 6 Showcase of Learning

Thursday 19th September
Yr 3 Sleepover Camp

Friday 20th September
SRC PJ Day

Friday 20th September
Last Day of Term 3
School Finishes at 1.00pm

Monday 7th October
Term 4 Begins 8.45am



Dear Families,

This term seems to have passed by weekly and as we look towards the month of September, we realise there are only 4 weeks remaining of this term.

As you read today's newsletter, Ms Amanda Browne and I take off to Israel and more specifically Jerusalem: The Holy Land as pilgrims walking in the footsteps and on the land Jesus himself walked on, prayed on and lived in. The "Land" of Jesus is often known as or called the "Fifth Gospel", as understanding the land, the culture, and the people deepens our understanding of Jesus the man, expanding our knowledge and our awareness of Jesus, the Son of God, drawing us deeper in to the mystery of God. This spiritual journey to sacred places and spaces, comes after some 18 months of study of the Gospel of Matthew with the Western Zone Principal's Network. We both feel blessed to be undertaking this journey and look forward to sharing our faith experience with you on our return in Term 4.

During my absence, which will be from the 28th August to the 20th September, end of Term 3, Ms Jacqueline McGrath will be Acting Principal and Mrs Daniela Torcaso will be Acting Deputy Principal. I know you will support them as they serve and lead the school in my absence.

We value the relationships we have with you as families and know these partnerships are integral to the success of your student as a learner here. In building school community these partnerships and relationships extend to other parents and families, and students.

Therefore, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all staff, other parents and students a Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct may be found on our school website under "School Community and "Terms of Use". It has been in place since the end of February.

This Code of Conduct sets out clear guidelines to parents regarding:

1. the conduct expected of them at all times whilst on school premises
2. communication with staff, other parents and students
3. attendance at school events or representing the school in any way

I ask you to read this and understand its importance in creating community. A copy has been attached to this newsletter

Prayer

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day, and so the prayer for this month gives thanks for our fathers or father like figures in the lives of our school community.

Loving God,
We thank you for the gift of good dads,
and everything that they do for us.
Help them to have
patience when we're difficult,
wisdom when we can't see the way,
strength when we need comforting,
and love at all times,
so that, through them,
we get a little glimpse of how you feel about us,
our heavenly Father. Amen.



Staff News

We welcome Mr Joshua Cole who is currently sharing Year 6W with Mr Sean Walshe. Mr Sean Walshe is now the English Leader and Year 6 teacher. The following staff will be on Long Service Leave in the month of September, Mrs Eliza Kata, Mrs. Leonie McCarthy, Miss Lynette Sciberras, Mrs Christine Roberts, and Ms Mary Balzan. We wish them all well as they take time to renew and rest. We would like to announce that Ms Kim Nguyen is expecting her first child. We congratulate her and Paul on this wonderful news.

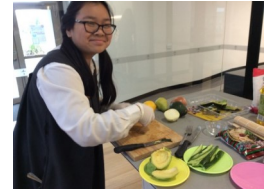
School News

School Closure

There are no school closure days for Term 3. School Closures in Term 4 are:

Monday 4th November: Report Writing Day and **Friday 13th December:** 2020 Planning Day

Please place these dates in your diaries.



Principal's BookClub

Principal's Bookclub will be held on **Thursday 17th October @ 3:00pm**. Parents and toddlers are invited to come along and listen to a story being read by the Principal, Mrs Webster and then take the book home.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Social Justice News

The School Community is well under way with the Fundraising for the Water Filters this term. The Social Justice Leaders have made posters to place around the school promoting the activity and various year levels have already commenced with their Wednesday lunchtime activity. These water filters change water that is contaminated with viruses and bacteria into clean drinking water for many people. We thank you in advance for supporting this great cause.



Student News

SRC Update

The students on the Student Representative Council (SRC) have been working very hard. They have asked their classmates for suggestions regarding school events and have had many meetings with Mrs Webster to narrow down the list and decide which events we will have this year and when. We are very excited to announce that the following events will happen in the last months of this year:

September 20th: Pyjama day

October 23rd: Crazy hair day

December 12th: Games day

On **September 20th** all students, staff and families are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the whole day. More information will be provided on the other events as we get closer to those dates.



Save the Dates:

School Production: Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th December.

Students will perform on one of these days. There will be two performances, a matinee and an evening performance.

Year 6 2018 Graduation Monday 16th December: Year 6 students and families please keep this date in your diaries for Graduation this year.

School Production: Seussical the Musical

Amazing! Our students continue to out-do themselves with confidence demonstrating their newly acquired and unexplored talent. We were able to have a full day's rehearsal with the full cast last week. Our dances have come along and it is great to see how the children, including the Preps, remember their moves. Some of our leading cast are refining their voices and there will be some truly amazing scenes that I am sure will bring tears to parents, family and even the teachers' eyes. Stayed tuned as we progress. Till next month. Arts Core Team

St Bernadette's Reading Challenge

The St Bernadette's Reading Challenge that took place in August was a tremendous success. In total, the students read just over 5,800 books over three weeks!

The students were highly motivated to make an extra effort to read during these weeks, both at home and at school, in an attempt to be the class that read the most books. Congratulations to 2P, who were the winners from Prep - Year 2, and 3G, who won in the Year 3 - Year 6 competition. These classes will be rewarded with a prize of a movie afternoon on the big screen in hall before the end of Term 3.

Thank you to everyone who took part and for all the support from the parents and teachers of St Bernadette's.

Parent News

CEMSIS

CEMSIS (Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Surveys) are the new perception surveys, all staff, students from Year 4 to 6 and families complete to inform and provide feedback to the school about areas related to Leadership and Management, Learning and Teaching, Student Wellbeing and Safety, Religious Education, and Community Engagement.

A note detailing this went home to families of all students in Years 4-6 last week. Families will be selected to participate in this survey. Notes with details will be sent home to those families.



Parenting News; Why Consistency Improves Kids' Behaviour

This month's article from Parenting Ideas is titled 'Why consistency improves kids' behaviour'. The article discusses how children love when their parents are consistent because then they are able to predict how their parents will act. Michael Grose shares how a consistent approach to discipline helps to put kids in control of their own behaviour and offers some practical ideas to help families to practice consistency at home! Please find the article attached.

Cybersafety Awareness: How to Build Digital Intelligence

Part 4:

Help them build resilience

- Keep your cool if your child experiences a negative experience online. Remember, the choices they make as they navigate difficult situations can help them learn. Our 2017 'State of Play' research shows round six in ten young people were able to identify some positive impacts from a negative online experience.
- Remind your child that they can screen who they accept as online 'friends'.
- Make sure they know how to block and report users or pages on the sites they use.
- If they have a negative online experience, find out how they are feeling about it, offer support and encourage them to keep things in perspective at the same time. For example, you might say: 'What that person has done is not OK. They must be feeling pretty bad about themselves to treat you like this. How are you feeling? Let's block them to stop their messages coming through.'
- Build your child's confidence and encourage positive ways of thinking — looking on the bright side, thinking rationally, understanding that difficult times are a part of life but there is help and support available.

Taken from [eSafety Commissioner](#) Australia's leader in online safety.

Parents in Partnership Team

A reminder of the dates for 2019: October 25th and November 22nd

We invite as many of you to attend and look forward to welcoming you all.



At our last meeting, we heard from Heidi Chapman-Foehn, where she took us through the new SeeSaw app for parents. She took us through a visual demonstration of the features and capabilities and explained the differences between this app and FlexiBuzz.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Unfortunately we are unable to host this event due to a lack of helpers and it has now been cancelled.



Parish News

Migrant & Refugee Week: 19th to 25th August 2019 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Today we hear Jesus standing firmly in his mission. He reminds us that our Christian life is often confronted with hard realities and crucial choices. The right choice – the choice for God-calls for heroism and determination. We may be torn between our faithfulness to God and the demands of our family, friends and country. In such moments of crisis and confusion, we are called to give absolute priority to God. Prayer: Dear Jesus, when life gets hard, give us your strength and help us to see your blessings even in our difficulties. Amen.

CatholicCare is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Because of our parish's donations, and donations from the Catholic Church community, they can continue to support vulnerable and disadvantaged families through a range of social services. Thank you for making a difference.

SEPTEMBER Calendar - 2019

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Sept	3 Sept 3.00pm Tuesday Tea Time	4 Sept Singing Practice for Production Yr 3 Guess the Teacher Fundraiser 2.30pm Assembly 1H Hosting	5 Sept Dance Practice for Production Experience Music 11.15am Chess Workshop	6 Sept Yr 3 & 4 IMAX Excursion Experience Music	7 Sept	8 Sept
9	10 3.00pm Tuesday Tea Time	11 Singing Practice for Production Yr 2 Icy pole Fundraiser 2.30pm Assembly PR Hosting	12 Dance Practice for Production Experience Music 11.15am Chess Workshop	13 9.15am Yr 6 Mass Experience Music	14	15
16 3.00—4.00pm Prep—Yr 6 Showcase of Learning	17 3.00pm Tuesday Tea Time	18 Singing Practice for Production Yr 6 Chocolate Toss Fundraiser 2.30pm Assembly PS Hosting	19 Yr 3 Sleep Over Camp Dance Practice for Production Experience Music 11.15am Chess Workshop	20 SRC P.J Day END OF TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.00pm	21	22
23 HOLIDAYS	24 HOLIDAYS	25 HOLIDAYS	26 HOLIDAYS	27 HOLIDAYS	28 HOLIDAYS	29 HOLIDAYS
30 HOLIDAYS	1 Oct HOLIDAYS	2 Oct HOLIDAYS	3 Oct HOLIDAYS	4 Oct HOLIDAYS	5 Oct HOLIDAYS	6 Oct TERM 4 Begins 8.45am Monday 7th October